

IN THE CLAIMS:

Entry of the following amendments to the claims is respectfully requested in order to place the claims into condition for allowance:

1. (currently amended) A door handle arrangement for a door of a vehicle, said vehicle having orthogonal longitudinal and vertical axes, comprising an outside handle pull for opening a door lock and the door, said outside handle pull being pivotally mounted about a swiveling axis at a forward or rear end of the handle pull to a carrier component within a mounting, such that said handle pull pivots outward from the door about the swiveling axis when the door lock is opened, said handle pull further having a grip portion between said ends, said grip portion and said ends disposed in a plane perpendicular to said vertical axis when the handle pull is at a rest position,

wherein the mounting is designed such that the swiveling axis is tilted in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis and away from the vertical axis, such that the handle pull pivots upward and outward when the door lock is opened, and

wherein at least in an area of the handle pull ends, an upper side or an underneath side of the handle pull extends approximately parallel to a horizontal plane of the vehicle, such that an angle between the swiveling axis and the upper side or underneath side of the handle pull is not a right angle.

2. (previously presented) A door handle arrangement according to Claim 1,

wherein the handle pull is guided within a guide mechanism; at an end that faces away from the pivotally-mounted end of the handle pull, with sides of the guide mechanism defining a guide direction that is tilted relative to a transverse axis of the vehicle, and

wherein an angle between the guide direction and the transverse axis of the vehicle is substantially equal to an angle formed between the swiveling axis and the vertical axis of the vehicle.

3. (original) A door handle arrangement according to Claim 2, wherein a guide element held within the guide mechanism of the handle pull is equipped with contact zones, which extend substantially parallel to the corresponding sides of the guide mechanism.

4-12. (canceled)

13. (withdrawn) A method of making a door handle arrangement for a vehicle door, having an outside handle pull for operatively opening a door lock and the door, comprising:

providing a carrier component with a mounting in the vehicle door,
arranging the mounting to incline upwards towards an exterior of the door, and

mounting the outside handle pull at a longitudinal end within the mounting so that the handle pull pivots longitudinally outwardly about a swiveling axis and the swiveling axis is tilted relative to a vertical axis of the mounting.

14. (withdrawn) A method according to Claim 13,
wherein the handle pull is guided within a guide mechanism, at an end that faces away from the mounting, with sides of the guide mechanism defining a guide direction that is tilted relative to a horizontal axis of the mounting, and
wherein an angle between the guide direction and the horizontal axis of the mounting is substantially equal to an angle formed between the swiveling axis and the vertical axis of the mounting.

15. (canceled)